



Look Who's Talking

eNewsletter



Simon Bateson,
Co-ordinator,
"Take One: Action!"
film festival

What can you tell us about "Take One: Action!"?

Running from 13th - 28th September at the Edinburgh Filmhouse, this is the UK's first festival celebrating global and environmental justice through film. Over two weeks, we're screening more than twenty new and classic films followed by discussions in the cinema about what ordinary people can do in response - ranging from action on global health inequalities to challenging the trade in small arms.

In what way is Oxfam involved?

As one of the main partners of the festival, Oxfam Scotland is sponsoring two special screenings - both great opportunities to introduce friends to Oxfam's campaigns. "[Ezra](#)" (Saturday 13th September, 6pm) is an award-winning drama tracing the scattered memories of a former child soldier in Sierra Leone. Screening just before the UN

General Assembly, we hope audiences will come out of the cinema and **take action** to call for tough measures to regulate the small arms trade which, by supporting conflict, prolongs poverty. Oxfam's second screening "[Yesterday](#)" (Sunday 21st September, 6pm) is a beautiful, heart-rending account of a young woman living with HIV in South Africa, and highlights the urgency of Oxfam's campaign for better access to health care and medicine in the developing world. These are just two films among a great programme, which also includes workshops on climate change, Edinburgh's first clothes swap, and a number of exciting campaigner and director Q&As.



Ezra

So, how can we participate?

To support the programme, why not arrange a group trip to one of the films or events and take advantage of the special groups offer from the Filmhouse - buy 5 tickets and get a sixth free. It would be great to see you there. ■

www.takeoneaction.org.uk/
(See overleaf for more details)



UN Millennium Development Goals

Following the July failure of the World Trade Organisation to agree on import tariffs, African countries which had hoped to tackle other issues, such as poor countries' cotton and banana exports, were "inconsolable" according to a report in The Age on 30 July. Kenya's Trade Minister Uhuru Kenyatta, speaking on behalf of an African grouping, said the collapse "gravely undermines" the fight against poverty.



This makes it all the more important for countries to confirm serious commitment to meet the 2015 target for the [Millennium Development Goals](#) at the [High-level Event](#) which will convene at UN Headquarters in New York on 25th September. This would help strengthen the infrastructure for progress, and signal the political will to the [Doha Review Conference](#), so it is important that the representatives from the UK know the strength of the mandate given to them.

Edinburgh Filmhouse
13-27th Sept
STARS training
Edinburgh 27th Sept
Glasgow 4th Oct

take action!!

Young Scot Award-winning activist **Nick Henderson** says:
"A high-level meeting requires some **hard-core lobbying**."

For all the incredible work that millions of activists are doing to achieve the MDG's, it means nothing compared to a single decision that our man in the UN can make. So I'm going to my MP's surgery to ask, when will we seriously commit to the MDG's? Another round of failed talks means more hunger, more untreated disease, more people dying from poverty. September 25th **could** be the day that the world changes. Please ask your MP to support Britain's commitment to the MDGs on 25th September."

Call or write to your MP. You can find them here:

www.writetothem.com

mysociety.org

Read more:

www.oxfam.org.br/get_involved/calendar/sep08.html and for other ways you can make a difference, click here:

www.oxfam.org.br/get_involved/campaign/actions/index.html ■

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Oxfam GB's Head of Research, [Duncan Green](#), will visit Scotland in **October** as part of his national tour to talk about

Oxfam's 10-year manifesto to tackle global inequality:

FROM POVERTY TO POWER

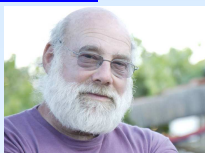
- University of **Edinburgh**, 28th Oct
 - University of **Glasgow**, 29th Oct
- Further details in next issue. ■



On Saturday 20th September, RnW will host a peer-led event at the "Take One: Action" festival. Come along at 5.45pm to Edinburgh Filmhouse to meet members of Millennium Generation for Change present "**What are we Doing Here?**" followed by discussion on the MDGs. ■

The [Scottish Palestinian Forum](#) and [Scottish Jews for a Just Peace](#)

introduce **Jeff Halper**, Director of the [Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions](#) to



talk and sign copies of his new book: AN ISRAELI IN PALESTINE:

Edinburgh - 17th September 7.00 p.m.

Morningside United Church EH10 4DJ

book signing, refreshments, crafts

7.30pm "The Plight of the Palestinians: from Occupation to Apartheid to Warehousing"

Glasgow - 18th September same details

and times: **Adelaide's, 209 Bath**

More info at www.hadeel.org/ ■



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Supporter Training and Activist Recruitment Session

Have you registered for this essential training for activists? ☆

Edinburgh 27th September

St. Augustine United Church, George IV Bridge, **10:30am-5.00pm**

Glasgow, 4th October,

Renfield St Stephen's Church Centre. Bath Street **10:30am-5.00pm**

The **Volunteer Outreach Training Programme** will help Oxfam staff and volunteers in Scotland get to know one another, and maximise the impact volunteers have on support and campaigns, focussing on a theme such as the Impact of Climate Change.

Register now by email to outreachscotland@oxfam.org.uk



There will be workshops on "How to be a Climate hero", focussing on the "Sisters on the Planet" campaign:

www.oxfam.org.uk/get_involved/campaign/climate_change/ ■



TAKE ONE: ACTION! 13 - 27 SEPTEMBER 2008
FILMHOUSE
PEOPLE AND MOVIES THAT ARE CHANGING THE WORLD

POST-SCREENING DISCUSSIONS

VIDEO FOR CHANGE WORKSHOPS

OTHER EVENTS:

Clothes Swap-o-rama*How to be a Climate Hero*Film Competition

Screening of Oxfam sponsored films:

"Ezra" Saturday 13th September, 6pm (small arms trade)

"Yesterday" Sunday 21st September, 6pm (HIV/AIDS)

and lots more... www.takeoneaction.org.uk/ ■

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on Biofuels

before 10th September

The **European Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE)** will meet on **10th September** to vote on fuel policy recommendations, including the proposed target of 10% for **biofuels**, to put to the European Parliament meeting in October. Clearing rainforest for biofuels releases massive amounts of CO2 and land is used which could grow food, so adding to the food crisis. **Oxfam International is making an urgent request for people to lobby their MEPs to ensure farmers are not dispossessed and that food is not used for fuel.**



Time is short, so please **join the Oxfam Agriculture Campaign**, and ask the ITRE committee to vote against this proposal at

www.oxfam.org/en/campaigns/agriculture#tabs-campaign-1 where you can also read more on the human rights significance.

In addition to the action online, please write or email to Scottish committee members **Alyn Smith** and **John Purvis** independently as their constituents, to increase the impact. ■

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